

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-11 (cancelled)

12. (previously amended) A method of treating stuttering, the method comprising:
receiving sound with a bone conducting hearing aid apparatus attached to a skull bone of
a user;

processing the sound to amplify the sound and feed back to the user a voice of the user
without amplifying and feeding back to the user sound from surrounding sources; and
mechanically transmitting the processed sound to both inner ears of the user via the skull
bone with a tactile component comprising a vibrator.

13. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the processed
sound is transmitted directly into the skull bone.

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the processed
sound is transmitted into the skull bone through a skin layer.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
adjusting frequency characteristics of the hearing aid apparatus.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
delaying feedback of the voice of the user.

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
suppressing sound from other directions than a forward direction in front of the user.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, further comprising:
adjusting the delay.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
shifting a frequency of the voice of the user fed back to the user.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
transmitting to each inner ear of the user sound information having different frequency
characteristics.